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MAGNETIC HEAD DEVICE AND MAGNETIC RECORDING/REPRODUCING  
DEVICE

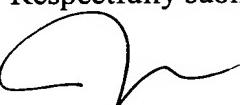
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